

## Carolina Timber Co. to Begin Operations In Pickens Co.

### Getting Right-of-Way to Build Railroad From Jocassee to Pickens

Preliminary steps are now being taken which will lead to the biggest industrial development in the history of Pickens county within the next few years.

Wade H. Chastain, general agent for the Carolina Timber Co., is now engaged in securing rights-of-way for a railroad to be built from Jocassee, twenty miles above Pickens and just over the line in Oconee county, to the town of Pickens, and if the necessary rights-of-way can be secured within a reasonable length of time the next step of actual construction of the railroad will be begun without delay, according to authentic information obtained by The Sentinel.

Plans for the building of the proposed railroad have been under way for several years and are as fully developed as can be up to the point of securing the right-of-way and selecting the exact route, but this is the first news of it that has been given to the public. The road will be built by the Carolina Timber Co. as an outlet for its timber in Pickens and Oconee counties.

The Carolina Timber Co., a member of the strongest timber land factors in the United States, own 64,000 acres of timber land in Pickens and Oconee counties, most of which is in Pickens. This vast tract contains immense quantities of white pine, yellow pine, poplar, chestnut, hickory and all other timbers known to this region and is the finest single tract of timber in the Southern Appalachians if not in the United States.

It is estimated that it will take at least twenty years to cut and move the timber now on this tract. The proposed road would run right into the heart of the Carolina Timber Co. holdings and this enormous amount of timber would be hauled out over it.

Not above this 64,000 acres is another timber tract of many thousands of acres owned by another company and this timber would also be hauled over the proposed road.

The Timber Co. has three routes in view for the road. Present plans according to reliable information, are to build the road from Jocassee down Whitewater and Eastatoe rivers to Pickens and connect with the Southern railway at or near Easley, or build to Walhalla and connect with the Blue Ridge railway there or build to Calhoun and connect with the Southern at that point.

While it has definitely been decided to build the road along one of these routes the exact one has not finally been selected. No doubt the attitude of the people along the proposed routes will have much to do with the final selection of the route.

Plans for the railroad have progressed so far that it is known that electricity is being considered as the motive power for it. As high authorities state that all railroads in the United States will ultimately be electrified it is hardly too much to state that this new road will be run with electricity. A semi-official statement is that the Timber Co. may develop its own power from streams on its property or current may be furnished by the Southern Power Co. There are several streams in the Timber Company's territory which will develop thousands of horsepower.

In this connection The Sentinel is reliably informed that the Southern Power Co. wanted to string a line from Lake Toxaway through the Carolina Timber Co. property and on through Pickens as early as 1910, but could not get a satisfactory agreement with the owners of Lake Toxaway dam property.

As stated before, plans for building the road have been under way for several years and are fully worked out. Everything is ready for work to begin as soon as the necessary right-of-way is secured and the exact route definitely laid out.

The Carolina Timber Co. is backed by unlimited capital and is able to put through any project it may undertake. It has head offices in Chicago with branch offices in New York, Seattle and Portland. During the war this company was of invaluable aid to the government, furnishing much forestry information which the government experts did not have and also gave the government use of its large spruce pine tracts in Oregon where most of the wood material for airplanes was obtained.

If Pickens should get this railroad it would be the biggest thing that ever happened to the town, for within a comparatively short time there would be built here the largest lumber mill in this section of the country, large acid plants and tanneries, machine shops, etc., of the Timber Co.; other manufacturing plants would naturally follow and ultimately we would have a railroad across the mountains.

There is plenty of time, however, for Pickens to talk about getting the things which will follow the railroad. What we want to do now is to let the Carolina Timber Co. know we want them to come here and that they have our good will and cooperation. The Timber Co. is not going to

ask anybody to give them anything. They have ample resources of their own, but naturally they would prefer to operate in communities which are favorable to them. Several of the company's officials have visited Pickens in the past few years and are very pleasantly remembered here.

Mr. Chastain, who has been general agent here for the Timber Co. many years, is looking after the local situation and states that he is meeting with encouragement in securing right-of-way.

THE RAILROAD IS GOING TO BE BUILT—LET'S GET IT!

#### DEATH OF MRS. J. H. LOLLIS.

On February 5th, Mrs. J. H. Lollis passed into the great beyond at her home several miles above Pickens. She was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gravelly. Her father preceded her to the grave less than two weeks.

She was sixty-six years of age and lived a consistent christian life in the Methodist church since childhood. She will be greatly missed in her church, because she attended services as regularly as they came.

She was twice married. The first time to J. E. Holder and to this union five children were born. They are: E. P. of Greenville, James B. of Turnersburg, N. C., John B. of Anderson, Mrs. Walker Thomason of Greenville and Mrs. Holbert Porter of near Easley.

Besides these children and an aged mother, the following brothers survive her: J. B., J. L., B. A., and A. M. Gravelly of Texas, C. M. and W. I. of Pickens county, J. L. Gravelly of Texas with his father and sister at the times of their deaths.

She also has several grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Her loved ones and neighbors are assured that she has gone to occupy her heavenly mansion in her Father's house above.

Her body was laid to rest the following day in Porter's Chapel cemetery in the presence of a large gathering of friends and loved ones.

The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. D. P. Hudson.

#### DEATH OF MRS. MARCHBANKS.

Mrs. Emma Marchbanks died at her home near Mile Creek on January 18 after being in declining health two years. Her death was not unexpected and she bore her suffering with much patience and humble submission to her Lord's will.

Mrs. Marchbanks before her marriage to Stephen Jerry Marchbanks was Miss Emma Pike. She was 69 years of age and was a consistent member of the Baptist church for many years. She leaves a husband and the following children: Mrs. Mittie Holden of Pickens, Miss Georgia Marchbanks and C. H. Marchbanks of the Mile Creek section. She also leaves several grandchildren to whom she had been a mother and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death.

The body was laid to rest in Mile Creek cemetery after funeral services conducted by Rev. B. C. Atkinson.

#### DEATH OF MRS. L. A. COOPER.

On the third day of February Mrs. L. A. Cooper was called by the death angel. She was in her fifty-fifth year of life and had been a devout member of the Methodist church since her 17th birthday. She is survived by one son, E. A. Cooper, and five grandchildren. The following brothers and sisters also survive her: Miss Lizzie Gilstrap, Mrs. W. A. Grant, D. A. Gilstrap and E. M. Gilstrap, all of Pickens county, and Mrs. R. M. Morgan of Seneca.

Funeral services were conducted at Mt. Bethel church by her pastor, Rev. D. P. Hudson.

A kind and loving mother is gone but not forgotten.

#### PRICE OF FORDSON TRACTOR REDUCED.

Mr. H. P. Sitton, Jr., has received the following letter from Mr. Henry Ford:

It is a pleasure to announce thru you Ford dealers that we have decided that the tractor price should again be reduced, and in considering a reduction, naturally my thought has been to make it possible for the largest number of farmers to share in the benefits to be derived thru the use of our tractor, and consequently effective tomorrow, January 27th, 1922, the new price of the Fordson tractor will be \$395, FOB Detroit. This is a cut of \$230 off the present price, and while in making this big reduction we have taken upon ourselves a gigantic task in the reduction of manufacturing costs, still that task, in my opinion, is not larger than the farmer's problem of today, and I am glad to do my part in bringing about a period of increased prosperity for the farmer, thereby enabling him to produce more with less cost and shorter hours.

#### PICKENS COUNTY GROWS FINEST COTTON.

"Uncle Buck" Singleton was a man of great common sense, and a keen observer. In the days long ago people often rode horseback when they went to Pickens. It was in such a way that we overtook Uncle Buck. He delighted in speaking of the natural advantages that our county had, and on this occasion he ended his eulogy by pointing to the road over which we were passing, and said "It is this red clay that makes Pickens what she is."

Dr. O. F. Cook, Biologist in the United States Department of Agriculture, is a noted Scientist. He is regarded as the greatest authority in the world on cotton. He is a millionaire; but no man who is forced to work for a living puts forth more energy than does Dr. Cook in this study of which he delights. He visits all parts of the world where cotton is cultivated, or where it grows wild. He has visited our county twice to observe its growth here. On his last visit he pointed to our red soil, and asked, "Do you know the secret of your superior cotton?" and then gave the answer, "It is your clay."

We have before referred to the fact that the Department of Agriculture wishing to ascertain whether our claims were well founded or not, gathered a number of bales from various sections of the cotton belt and sent them to a famous textile institute in Massachusetts, where they each were subjected to the same exhaustive tests. The result was that the bale from Pickens county, and one from Gastonia, surpassed all others. These two bales you see were from the Piedmont. The bulletin summing up results says, "The geographical comparison is interesting."

It is a well known fact that when a bale of cotton is prepared for spinning there is a loss to the mill. In fixing a price that may be paid for cotton this loss is taken into account. It is called the "commercial calculation from waste." In this test which we are reviewing it developed that the bale from our county had so little waste in it that the mill buying it would get \$12.26 worth more of spinable cotton than the average bale would contain. This was basing the price at 20cts per pound. So much for the uniformity of our county's cotton.

Again—recently samples from five bales were sent to the Bureau of Markets with the request that they be graded. In the reply the information they gave closed with this significant sentence: "The samples sent showed such a high grade, some being strict good middling that they will command an additional premium of 300 points."

Now to sum up: Expert graders and classifiers find cotton grown in our county which is worth three cents above market price on account of the grade which our land can grow.

Put to actual mill test a bale is found which contains \$12.26 worth of cotton more than the average bale on account of its uniformity.

A keen witted and observing son of our county who was once with us told us it was so, and

A distinguished scientist tells us why it is so.

Now there is a question we wish every one of our farmers to put to himself: "What premium do I get for making this cotton? God has lavishly provided me with a soil and climate to make a superior product; the world finally pays for it. Why don't I always get what it is worth?"

Next week we wish to write about the business farmer, and how he got there.

This will be written for our farm women.

#### MARRIED

Married, February 12, Mr. Cleo Haynes and Miss Essie Turner. Mr. Haynes is a son of Mr. Mode Haynes and holds a responsible position with the Pickens Mill. The bride is a daughter of Mr. Thomas Turner, a prosperous farmer of near Landrum. After the ceremony the happy couple motored to the home of the groom's father where a splendid wedding dinner was awaiting them. Mr. F. Hester, N. P., performed the ceremony at his residence.

#### LOCAL MARRIAGES

Mr. Frank Medlin and Mrs. Spearman were married Saturday, February 4, at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. M. E. Summey. Another marriage ceremony performed by Mr. Summey was that of Mr. Fred Powell and Miss Daisy Duncan, February 9.

On Saturday night, February 4, at the home of Mr. Jim Hale, Mr. Mosco Hale and Mrs. Annie McGaha were married by Rev. W. W. Parker. All parties are of the Pickens Mill village and the marriages are of much interest to many friends of the contracting parties.

Cross tie checks are money. They will pay your taxes, buy provisions and clothing. What more can a man expect these days?

#### CENTRAL NEWS ITEMS

Protracted Meeting—Notes of the Sick—Personals.

Mrs. Folger has been quite ill for several weeks. Her many friends hope she will soon be out again.

Mr. R. G. Gaines went to Columbia on business last week. He returned last Saturday.

The Presiding Elder did not preach here Sunday as he was scheduled to do so, on account of serious throat trouble.

Rev. J. W. Guy, from the lower part of the state, will begin a meeting here at the First Baptist church on the 26th of February. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. There will be two services each day, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. Mr. Guy preached two very strong sermons here some time ago, and if these two sermons were a sample of what he can do, you will get something worth while if you hear him.

Mr. J. T. Gassaway is out on the streets again to the delight of his many friends. His serious illness has not taken the usual smile off his face.

Miss Emily Fall, one of the teachers here, has been ill, but she will likely return to her school room in a few days.

Mrs. J. W. Wallace, who has been shut in for several days on account of illness, is cut again to the delight of her friends.

Mrs. J. W. Kelley is much improved at this writing, for which her friends are glad. She was very ill for several days.

Some of the young people here entertained some of the Clemson boys last Sunday. The boys can get away from down there for a few hours now and they spend some of that time with some of the Janes here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Worsham are building a new addition to their home here, and when completed it will be one of the most unique homes in town. Chief Police Ira Chapman has moved his family to town. They have moved into the home of Lee Carson. Lee having gone to Greenville.

Born unto Mr. and Mrs. W. I. M. Tabor, of Toccoa, Ga., last week a little girl (Annie Elizabeth). Mrs. Tabor was a Central girl before she married and many will be interested to know of the new addition to their home. Congratulations.

#### MARRIED

Married by Magistrate W. H. Talley at his residence in Salem, February 12, Mr. Louie Alexander to Miss Martha Barker. The groom is a son of Mr. D. T. Alexander, a prosperous farmer and merchant of the Crow Creek section of Pickens county, while the bride is a daughter of Mr. Joshua Barker, a well-to-do farmer of the Stamp Creek section of Oconee county. The happy young couple have best wishes of numerous friends throughout both counties.

#### POWELL-WILSON

One of the most brilliant, attractive and interesting weddings that has taken place in this community in some time was solemnized at the little matrimonial hall on the "Pike" on Sunday, the 12th inst., about 3 p. m., when Mr. Lem Powell lead to the hymeneal altar Miss Annie Wilson, and the old miller, J. Alonzo Brown spoke the words that forever binds and rejects a legal separation of the happy couple in South Carolina until God sees fit to call for a separation and take one at a time or may be both to a place where there is neither marrying or giving in marriages.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Powell of Central and holds a position with the Isaquena mill where he is held in high esteem by not only his employers but by every one who knows him. The groom is a pious young man and his life in that regard is a worthy example for other young men who care more for the pleasure of the world than for their immortal souls. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Wilson of Central and is a charming young lady who stands high in social circles.

The large crowd of both single and married people who accompanied them showed the high esteem in which they are held in their town.

As the happy couple marched from the little mill to their car they were showered with rice by their many friends, so much so until the yard looked like there had been a young snow.

May their path through life be strewn as plentiful with the necessities of life as the yard was with rice and may their old days be just as happy together as their marriage day was the prayer of the officiating officer.

#### LIBERTY ROUTE 4.

Mrs. Mattie Hunter of Easley and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maw of Central visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Powell, last week.

Mrs. Dura Waldrop visited her sister, Mrs. C. G. Gantt, Sunday.

#### CARDS OF THANKS

Cards of thanks published in The Sentinel at one cent a word.

#### JIM POOLE PARDONED

Pickens County's Most Famous Negro Convict Now Free

Jim Poole, probably the best known negro convict on the Pickens county chaingang, has been pardoned by Governor Cooper after long effort of Jim's white friends in this county. Jim was sentenced to life imprisonment about six years ago for killing a negro woman. For a long time he was a "trusty" and for the past several months he has served as janitor at the county court house and made a good one. Supervisor McKinney hired him to continue as janitor until after the approaching term of court and Jim says he would like to have the job permanently, but as the legislative delegation made no provision for the pay of a janitor this year it is not yet known what will be done about it.

Jim Poole was a convict out of the ordinary. He had two bloodhounds of his own which he raised and trained and gave the use of to the county without charge. Since he became a convict he and his bloodhounds have caught 36 escaped convicts. This service was of Jim's own accord and without urging or promise of reward.

Jim says he wants to thank as best he can all the people who worked to get his pardon and he seems very grateful. He says it feels good to be entirely free and he is going to be the best citizen that is in his power to be.

#### H. DEAN SINGLETON DEAD.

H. Dean Singleton, one of the county's most prominent and best known citizens, died at his home near Easley Saturday night Feb. 11th after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Singleton was in the 56th year of his life. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon and the body was interred in the Enon cemetery after services conducted by his pastor, Rev. Mr. Mitchell. He leaves a wife and two children, Mrs. L. C. Julian, of Easley, and Ben Singleton, who made his home with his parents. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Irvin Miller and Mrs. G. W. Dorris, both of Pickens county. Mr. Singleton was a son of the late Rev. Buck Singleton, who was one of the best known Baptist ministers of his day. He was born and reared in this county.

Mr. Singleton always took an active interest in the affairs of his church and for many years was clerk of the Piedmont Baptist Association, holding that office at the time of his death. He was also a trustee of the Six Mile Baptist Academy. He was also a member of the Masonic order and was buried with Masonic honors.

In his death Pickens county loses one of her best citizens. He was a man of strong christian character and his passing will be heard with regret by a host of friends all over this section of the state. The bereaved family have the sympathy of many friends.

#### ROBT. O. LATHAM DEAD.

Funeral services for Robert O. (Bob) Latham, native of Pickens county, whose death occurred on Monday night February 13, at his home in El Paso, Texas following a lingering illness, at the age of 29 years, was held Sunday at Mount Carmel church, of which he was a member. Mr. Latham removed to Arizona in early manhood, where he remained for two years, engaged in the mercantile business. Later, or about two years ago, he made his home in El Paso, Texas, where he has since resided.

Mr. Latham was a son of Capt. and Mrs. J. R. Latham, of near Easley, and is survived by his father and mother, seven brothers and one sister as follows: V. E., of Easley; C. V. and O. V., of El Paso; W. W., of Denver; V. O., S. M. and J. Roy, of Greenville, and Mrs. Norman Williams, of Dacusville.

#### PICKENS BASKETBALL TEAM PLAYS TWO GAMES.

Pupils of the Pickens school were all excited last Friday afternoon when the Easley school girls' basketball team arrived to play the Pickens girls' team in their first match game. After two twelve-minute halves the game ended with a score of 12 to 8 in favor of Easley. Although the local team lost all agreed that they played an unusually good game considering experience. The Pickens lineup: Ethel Porter, forward; Margaret Bivens, forward; Ella Freeman, center; Sara Ada Keith (Capt.), center; Wynell Smith, guard; Louisa Diggs, guard. Substitutes: Mattie Mae Hallum for Louisa Diggs; Katherine Cureton for Margaret Bivens. Referee: Miss Shirley of Six Mile Academy.

The Six Mile Academy team came to Pickens for a game Monday and were victorious by a score of 25 to 10. In this game two of Pickens team regular players were out of the game. Six Mile has a strong team.

In spite of the fact that they lost their first two games the local girls are not discouraged. They have profited by their experience and hope to show their colors in the return games.

#### COURT NEXT WEEK

Heaviest Criminal Docket in History of Pickens County.

The February term of court for Pickens county which will convene next Monday with Judge Frank Gary presiding is expected to take up the entire week allotted to it. The docket for criminal court is said to be the heaviest in the history of Pickens county and the civil court docket is also heavy.

The Jake Gosnell case will not be tried this term, but four other cases in which murder is the charge are expected to be tried. These cases are:

Ross Powell, young white man, who is charged with killing his wife, by cutting her throat in the Glenwood Mill last October.

Five Anderson county negroes charged with killing a white child by running into it with automobile in Easley Mill village. This case has been continued several times.

W. C. James, who was once convicted of killing Ab Young and sentenced to serve a term in the penitentiary, but who was granted new trial by supreme court.

Jesse Mansell, colored, charged with killing wife.

Most of the other cases are for violation of the prohibition law.

#### MAY TALK POLITICS

An unusually large attendance is expected upon court in Pickens next week and wisecracks say some nice little political bees will begin to buzz at that time. So far there has been practically no political talk in Pickens county this year, but no doubt some of the boys will begin to "feel around" next week.

The Pickens county offices to be filled in the next election are Supervisor, two county commissioners, probate judge, coroner, state senate and two members of the house of representatives.

#### MARRIAGES

Married at the residence of Mr. G. R. Campbell at Liberty, February 19, Mr. Freeman Masters and Miss Frances Dorsey; R. C. Robinson, N. P., officiating.

Miss Minnie Lewis and Mr. Elihu Sutherland were married by Rev. L. L. Inabinet at his residence February 19. The bride is a daughter of Mr. Anthony B. Lewis and the bridegroom is a son of Mr. Bob Sutherland of the Hagood section.

Married in Easley on February 5, Miss Eunice Nalley and Mr. Willie Thompson Wyatt. The bride is a daughter of Mr. W. W. T. Nalley and the bridegroom is the only son of Mr. George Wyatt, all of near Easley.

Mr. William W. Williams of Easley and Miss Ronea Loper of Dacusville were married by Rev. D. W. Hiott at his residence in Easley on February 11.

Miss Lois Middleton and Mr. Luther Crane were married February 2 by L. B. Williams, N. P. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Middleton and the bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Crane, all of the Mt. Carmel section.

#### MOVES TO SALEM

Members of the Salem Baptist church came down to Pickens Monday with wagons and Tuesday they moved Rev. C. R. Abercrombie and family from the Pickens Mill village to their new home in Salem. Mr. Abercrombie was formerly pastor of the Salem church and lived there before.

Before going Mr. Abercrombie said some mighty nice things about the people of the Pickens Mill village and he wishes to publicly thank them all for kindness shown him while he was in their midst. Among the presents Mr. Abercrombie took away with him were six white leghorn chickens presented to him by Mr. A. P. Hammond.

#### FEDERAL COURT JURORS

The following Pickens county men have been drawn to serve at the next term of Federal court at Rock Hill which will convene March 14:

Grand Jury—H. C. Putnam, Easley; H. D. Lesley, Pickens; R. F. D. Petit Jury—F. B. Morgan, Central; A. J. Boggs, Pickens; H. E. Seaborn, Central; J. G. Acker, Easley.

#### COLORIZED CITIZEN DEAD.

Frank Bowen, one of the best and leading colored citizens of the county, died last Sunday night after an illness of a few days. His body was laid to rest at Secona Monday.

#### RANSE MCKINNEY DEAD.

Ranse McKinney, a well-known colored citizen, died Saturday after a long illness of cancer. His body was buried at Bethlehem Sunday.

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